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**Nursing Assistant Charged with Four Counts of Intentional Dependent Adult Abuse**

RED OAK, Iowa (April 1, 2005) – Richard Paul Lang, 36, of Red Oak was recently arraigned in Montgomery County District Court on four counts of Intentional Dependent Adult Abuse—Causing Injury. Lang entered not guilty pleas to each of the charges and trial is currently scheduled for May 3 in Red Oak. Lang remains in custody with bond set at \$100,000.

The offenses are alleged to have occurred when Lang was employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at the Red Oak Good Samaritan Center, a licensed nursing facility. The alleged victims were four different female residents of the facility. The injuries included lacerations and bruising and occurred on various dates between September 2002 and March 2004, during Lang’s most-recent employment at the facility.

Each of the counts is a Class C Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to ten years and a fine of up to \$10,000. The investigation was a cooperative effort involving the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals’ (DIA) Health Facilities and Investigations Divisions, and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The prosecution will be handled jointly by Montgomery County Attorney Bruce Swanson and an Assistant Iowa Attorney General.

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